Weymouth. Oct 23. 1838.

Dear Maria;

I am sorry to have bad news to communicate, but ought to be thankful on the whole that it is no worse. Lizzy's illness was all a reality, and to come to the point at once her complaint is scarlet fever. She laid on the sofa all the after noon after you left but did not complain much but in the evening her fever became quite high, she grew sick partially, and complained much of her eyes. I slept with her and she was in the room all night, we managed in the most approved way and gave her poppon and catnip & mullen tea and after midnight her complaint of her eyes abated and she slept considerable. This morning as soon as light Ma sent for Dr Tyler who came and left her an emetic which she has taken & which has operated very well. She has thrown up a great deal of bilious matter and appears better. The Dr called it scarlet fever, but not accompanied with much disease of the throat. In fact she complains very little of her throat. Send out by Mr Knights boy all her under clothes that came in & whatever you think will be the most useful to her. Also her slippers, & a few lemons. Dont send her cotton stockings but her woolen ones. You need not think of coming out, for Ma & I should be able to take the best of care of her & she thinks it likely as not that little Ann

will have the complaint. I will write in by Litfield every morning while she is sick. It would be impossible for the wisest of grown women to behave any better than she does. Takes every thing without a word of difficulty and in short mams her point in the most complete manner she can describe all her own symptoms & appears to have all her faculties in very full perfection.

I do not think you have any cause for alarm. I think she will be only comfortably sick, but at any rate, I will write to you every day. Tell M. Chapman not to make herself uneasy about Lizzy more than is right, for I do not feel as though there was cause. Little Henry appears to be improving, and we shall keep him out of Lizzys way.

Lizzy sends her love & says she should like Parley's magazine sent out.

Mr Joseph Dale has been fined $10 & bound over to keep the peace.

yrs truly A.W. Thurston.

If L. is in town tell her to write.

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